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Research Bureau Favorably Compares Its Work With That of Former System

RESPONSIBILITY CENTERED

The present City Council, a one-chamber body created by the Wood-

chamber body created by the Wood-ward charter, functions better than the two-chamber Councils it replaced, the Bureau of Municipal Research believes.

That conclusion was reached by comparing the present Council's record on routine legislation with the record of the old Councils, choosing for comparison periods when conditions were somewhat analogous.

Although the change has brought betterment, there is still room for improvement, the bureau says. In the matter of public improvements, the bureau says, there is still too great a tendency to respect the demands of provincial interests, and to assign quotas to wards, rather than to regard the interests of the city as a whole. The Research Bureau bints at a time when ward lines will be abolished, when the city legislators will be elected by the voters of the city at large and when the voters themselves will do their share by intelligent use of the ballot.

An attempt to compare the new with

the old legislative system by means of large, outstanding measures is in many ways the least accurate, according to the Research Bureau. Big issues in different administrations are hard to compare, and changes in public psychology and readjustments in politi-

cal relations exert a vast influence. The bureau's statement continues: "The smaller number of members, and he fact that action need be taken by anly one body instead of two, are funiamental reasons why our more modern
egislative machinery functions better.
There are other important reasons.
Meetings are held more frequently berause the convenience of fewer people need be consulted. Special meetings can called quickly for the same reason.
"Attendance records are much better (practically perfect) because it is feas-ble to pay salaries to the members of the smaller body, and to expect service in return. Committees meet oftener: neet in open session, so that every citi-

That opportunity is not altogether neglected. Many people attend meetings where matters in which they are inerested come up for consideration, and he Bureau of Municipal Research, for nstance, endeavors to have representa-

tives present at most sessions.

'In the meetings of the Council itself, members generally feel a greater degree of personal responsibility than under the old order; responsibility is more readily ixed; and debate as a rule is of a sigher order—though perhaps there still emains a little to be desired in this

tages, but are cited as the observations of public officials and others who have been in close contact with councilmanic procedure under both the old and new city charters."

AMERICAN STORES CO. EARNS \$13.89 A SHARE

\$1.10 Gain Over Dividend of 1920.

Report Shows Net income of American Stores Company and affiliated companies, available for the common stock in 1921, was \$1,975,847, equal to \$13.80 per share on the 142,240 shares of common stock outstanding. This compares with \$1,819,151, or \$12,79 per share, earned in 1920. The figures for 1921 are after deducting preferred dividends, taxes and other adjustments.

The report distributed at the annual meeting yesterday, did not carry an income account, but only of a combined balance sheet and surplus as

an income account, but only of a combined balance sheet and surplus account. The latter showed surplus for 1921 of \$1,407,888 and total surplus of \$6,851,748. Total assets and total liabilities are \$28,671,833, increase \$2,917,408. Gross sales in 1921 were \$86,068,176, as against \$103,059,303 to 1920.

PORT BUREAU ELECTS

Steps Taken at Meeting to Perfect Organization

A meeting of the Port of Philadel-phia Ocean Traffic Bureau took place this morning in the office of its chair-man, George F. Sproule, Director of the Department of Wharves, Docks and Ferries, Permanent officers were elected and other steps taken to perfect the

ed and other steps taken to perfect the organization.

The Ocean Traffic Bureau was organized February 16 by representatives of trade organizations. The bureau has been approved by the Board of Trade, Bourse, Commercial Museum, Commercial Exchange, Export Club, Grocers and Importers' Exchange, Maritime Exchange, Real Estate Board and the Department of Wharves, Docks and Verries.

and Ferries.

The Chamber of Commerce, also represented in the organization of the bu-reau, has not formally indorsed the plan, pending consideration by direct-ors and officers.

VACCINATE 638 IN W. PHILA.

One Smallpox Case Brings Temporary Quarantine in District One case of smallpox caused tem-porary quarantine of 1500 persons this norning in the section bounded by For-ty-sixth and Forty-eighth streets and

ty-sixth and Forty-eighth streets and Haverford and Fairmount avenues. The streets were roped off and no one permitted to leave until after a squad of doctors had gone over the neighborhood, vaccinating 638 persons.

The quarantine was placed fo'lowing the discovery that John Berry, a Negro, 4644 Meredith stret, was suffering from the discovery.

The section was opened again at 9:80 o'clock, when both the victim and his wife were removed to the Philadelphia General Hospital.

WANT COMMUNITY CENTER

Ridley Park Starts Drive for \$7500

to Erect Building A drive is under way in Ridley Park for the collection of \$7500 for the pur-chase of the property of the Ridley Park Social Club for use as a new Community Center House. The drive is under the direction of W. S. Mac-Henry.

Henry.

The Social Club Building, when remodeled, will be used to house Ridley Park Fire Company No. 1, the Woman's Club, the American Legion, the Mothers' Club, the junior section of the Woman's Club, the Sunshine Club, the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts.

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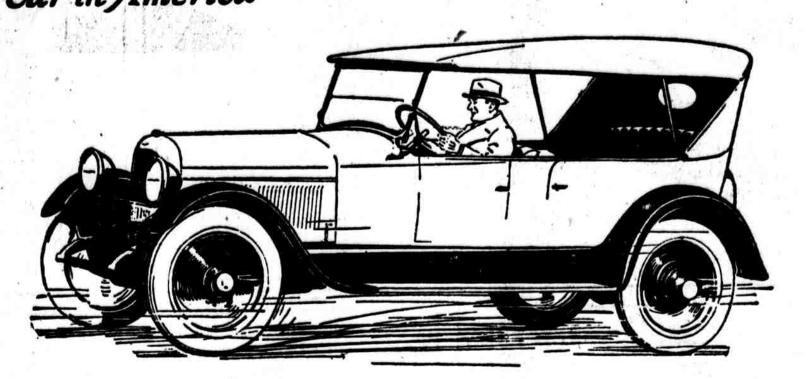
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